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TR6 sitting very regally outside the New Mexico Rendezvous headquarters in Las Vegas, NM.

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The RMTC is an organization devoted to the use, preservation and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles; it is a chapter of the *Vintage Triumph Register*. We have active members as close as in and around the Rocky Mountain region, to as far as England! Each membership is a "family" membership and children are welcome additions to club activities.

Regularly scheduled dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for January, June and December). These meetings start with dinner at 6:00PM, with business beginning at 7:00PM. They typically conclude prior to 9:00 PM. **Our current meeting place is Piccolo's at 3563 S. Monaco Parkway.**

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tos in *.jpg format with the ideal resolution no more than 100 dpi with files no larger than 200-300k per photo.

An e-mail version of our newsletter is available—it's in full color and you get it about one week before the paper copy (use Adobe Acrobat to read and print it; it can be downloaded free from www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html). Let Eric know if you would like to be on this list; it saves the club about \$20/year if you don't want the paper copy.

Commercial Advertising is available in the newsletter ranging from \$5 for one month up to \$500 for a full page for one year. Contact Brooks Turner for more details

New memberships (and renewals) are always welcome; contact Max Brewster. He can also tell you of changes of address or telephone numbers for members.

PRIME TIME

Ken Kalin — Prime Minister

Hi Everyone!

I hope you had a great summer as I did and are planning your winter projects now as snow is just around the corner. I managed to put about 2500 miles on the Triumph this year but I know that some of you did a lot more driving than that. Congratulations for keeping your TR on the road.

As most of you know Sept. and Oct. are nomination months for board members. At the Sept. general meeting we had many good nominations for different offices and I hope in Oct. we will have even more, however I think that a lot of you don't want to become nominated or elected to the board. What better way to further your political career than to take a prestigious board appointment to our club, after all this could lead to better public speaking, running for mayor, congressman, or even the President of the United States, you could even be writing this letter. All kidding aside if you are nominated, especially if you are new to the club or have never been on the board before consider the position before turning it down. Having new people on the board helps by preventing burnout of the few "core people" that always seem to be in office or doing something for the club and to bring in new ideas for events and activities. Most board positions don't take a lot of time and only two nights a month. If you are interested in becoming a board member and have not been nominated please attend the Oct. general meeting and let someone know what position you would like.

I'm looking forward to a great turnout at the Oct. meeting.

Ken Kalin

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



Members are encouraged to join this national Triumph organization. VTR member benefits include:

- quarterly magazine, "The Vintage Triumph"
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I'm very late with my October submission. Several of you know that I have changed careers within the past two months, and with this has come non-stop twelve hour days. I expect this to subside. Unfortunately, during the past month I have not had time to turn on my computer, let alone work on the newsletter.

September was a great month for our Triumphs. We had a fantastic time at the Ride the Rockies Tour and English Motoring Conclave weekend. The food was wonderful, the camaraderie was great, and many of us had a chance to share thoughts on our club, our cars, our families, It was a nice weekend in every sense of the word.

The other day I found a TR6 driving down the road near my house. I followed it and met a husband and wife enjoying the weather. I invited them to my house to swap stories, introduce them to my family and to mention the RMTC. Having been exposed to the MG Car Club with the Glenwood Springs Rallye, they recalled several of our members. I believe they will be joining us for the Searchlight Rallye on November 8th.

Speaking of the Searchlight Rallye. Please mark your calendars for this event. It promises to be a great time. This concept has been tested in the past, and we plan on exceeding previous versions. You'll recall that approximately 500 flyers were distributed in the Conclave registration packets. We hope to see several registrants from our club as well as from the other marque clubs. Let's combine to make this a great start to what I hope can be an annual event for the RMTC.

Happy Motoring!

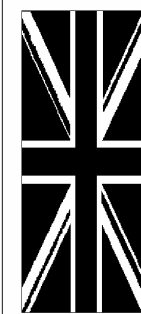
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RECENT EVENTS

BREAKFAST GAGGLE TO HARRY'S HOUSE September 6th, 2003

Great day for a get together. Harry put on a great get together at his home in Elizabeth, CO for the small, albeit rowdy crowd.



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**CONCLAVE
WEEKEND
September 13th &
14th**

We couldn't have asked for a better weekend for this event. Saturday morning came early for many of us as we huddled against the



Paul & Anna Fallico celebrate two well-deserved awards.



The Cline's weigh in with their next generation TR7.

too cold to raise it without using a hair dryer. After a very cold, very quick blast to Arvada, we joined up with Rod Tomkins and took off for the Tour. Throughout the day, we drove through Golden Gate Canyon State Park, into Rollins-



TR2, TR3A and a TR3 bask in the glow of their offspring surrounding them.

recently lower thermometer reading. Having gotten a slower start to the day than I had wished, I raced from the house only to remember I meant to raise the top the previous night — just in case. Problem: it was



From thought provoking....



... to awe inspiring

ville, Nederland, Estes Park and ending in Longmont. We experienced nearly all types of precipitation, only to hit a heat wave in Longmont. You'll recall this was the day of a very cold, very heavy arctic front moving into Denver, but we didn't see any of it when we were leaving for home.



Brooks Turner promenades through the Conclave.

As my brother, Craig, and I jumped into the car, we decided it was too warm for coats or for a convertible top. Blasting down the highway, we noticed the temperature dropping quickly as we approached Thornton. So bad, in fact, that we donned our jackets. By the time I arrived home, the temperature hovered around 30 degrees or less.

Fearing the worst for the Sunday Conclave, we all awoke to a beautiful day. I haven't heard the final count, but it definitely seemed as full as last year. The RMTTC turnout was fantastic, with many making the trip from as far as the Dakota's.

Lunch was a success as usual. Many were fed, and donations had to be up as well —



Alex Cline and the Conrad Family

having Glen Sorensen watching over the till sure loosened some wallets.

In the end, I'm sure we all enjoyed Denver's traditional end of the British car shows for the year.



I believe this is Rod Tomkin's TR8 showing off next to Ken Kalin's TR8 (near foreground).



Miss Kalin surrounded by experience.

**RENDEZVOUS IN LAS VEGAS,
NEW MEXICO
September 26th—28th
By Dave Fain**

The RMTC was well represented at the 13th annual Rio Grande Rendezvous. Dave and Eva Fain, Dave and Marilyn Farrell, Mike, Janet, Alex and Tori Cline, Bud and Lou Rolofson, Dale and Glenda Walls, and Andy and Betty DeVisscher, all made the trip south to Las Vegas. We were joined by several members of the Denver Sunbeam Tiger and Alpine club. The MGCC was conspicuous in its absence. A British car club from Las Cruces had a large number of members present and other cars were there from as far away as Tucson.



Bud and Lou Rolofson enjoy the drive in Las Vegas, NM

railroad hub. It has over 900 buildings on the National Historic Register and is the home of New Mexico Highlands University. The town is currently undergoing a revival of sorts and is a lot more tourist friendly than it was in the past.

Following a welcome reception and registration on Friday evening, festivities began with a car show on Saturday morning in the parking lot of the local Walmart. In addition to Rendezvous participants, a large number of local residents stopped by to check out our cars. Among other things, there was a very nice AC Bristol, an obviously well used TR2 (covered with what would be politely called a nice patina) and a very interesting early Morgan 3 wheeler. After a nice lunch (provided by the BAOA) of Subway sandwiches, a funkhana

Several activities were planned for those who arrived early on Friday, including a walking tour of old Las Vegas and a tour of the relatively famous Montezuma Castle. For those of you who make pit stops off of I-25 in Las Vegas and never venture more than a few blocks off the freeway, there is a lot to see here Las Vegas was once one of New Mexico's largest cities and was an important



Tori Cline gets her first ride in a "real" Mini.



Dave and Bud on the road.

took place in the adjacent parking lot, immediately followed by a tour/rallye. It was a TSD rallye and was set up so that rallyists entered their own times at the checkpoints. The rallye route took us out through some beautiful countryside to Sapello and Mora, back into Las Vegas, and then out to Montezuma and back.



We got back into town and



I believe this is a Morgan cycle car. Any help???

had plenty of time to clean up and rest before the Saturday night banquet. The banquet was held at a local restaurant in Old Town, El Rialto. The banquet featured roast beef and trimmings served buffet style and, of course, huge quantities of green chile. Car show awards

Great pictures abound from this event.

were presented and nearly everyone present took home a door prize of some kind. Bud Rollofson received a very nice set of Stanley tools to carry in his Triumph. Car show awards went to the Rollofsons, the Farrells, and the DeVisschers. Things concluded with a Sunday morning brunch at another very popular local restaurant, the Spic and Span Café. RMTC members didn't receive any awards for the funk-hana/rallye, but we had a good time anyhow.

Next year's event is planned for Chama, NM, home of the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge railroad. Don't miss it.

**Rocky Mountain Triumph Club
Presents:
LUCAS FLAMETHROWER RALLYE**

"A Searchlight Rallye"

Saturday, November 8th, 2003

Rallye Description

We will meet at Bethany Lutheran Church's Southeast parking lot and wait for darkness. A flickering "Lucas Searchlight" will come on somewhere 5 to 20 miles away. Participants will drive to the light using their best navigational skills. Wandering "in the dark" with your clothes on has never been so much fun.

Registration

**Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot
4500 E. Hampden Avenue
Between Happy Canyon and Colorado Boulevard on north side of
Hampden
6:00 pm**

Cost

**\$10 per car - no limitation on number of
people per car**

Awards will be given at an after-rallye gathering

**For more information, call Eric Conrad at 303-663-4230, or go to
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GENERAL MEETING

September 16, 2003 General Meeting at Picollo's

Submitted by Marty Cohen, Minister of Letters

Ken Kalin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Approximately 24 members and guests were in attendance.

Max Brewster reported that two new members joined the club at the Conclave. We now have 164 memberships. Dave Fain reported on the September 6 breakfast and visit to Harry Cornelius's house. We had a good turnout and all had a good time. The Conclave was a big success with approximately 102 to 105 Triumphs on display. On October 4 a breakfast Potluck will be held at Brad and Liz Reed's home, followed by a drive afterwards. The Coors VIP tour is set for November 1. The Searchlight Rallye will be held on November 8 and will start at 6PM at Hamden Avenue and Happy Canyon Road. The entry fee will be \$10 for each car and RSVP's are requested. Bob Becwar reported that we are in good financial shape.

Rod Tomkins tallied 7 Triumphs in the parking lot. The by-law revisions are moving ahead. They will be ready for review at the October Board Meeting and the October General Meeting.

The following nominations were made for the 2004 Officers Elections:

Prime Minister – Ken Kalin, Brooks Turner, Bob Becwar

Vice Prime Minister – Tom DiIulio, Rod Tomkins, Terry Hughes, Brad Reed

Minister of Letters – Bob Becwar, Max Brewster, Scott Keller, Marietta Coon, Dave Fain, Michelle Dodson

Treasurer – Marty Cohen, Andrew Janiesch, Mike Cline, Harry Cornelius, Siobhan Bennett, Lanette Kirkham

Events Coordinator – Dave Fain, Rod Tomkins, Brooks Turner,

Newsletter Editor – Bill Gillespie (if Eric Conrad will do the computer work), Eric Conrad, Mike Cline, Gordon Kenney

Regalia Officer – Scott Keller, Andy DeVisscher, Bob Becwar, Max Brewster

Minister of Membership – Max Brewster, Kitty Toper, Dorthy High, Marietta Coon, Rod Tomkins

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

RMTC Collection for 9 Cares-Colorado Shares



Dorthy High is again chairing this "event". Our goal is to collect non-perishable foodstuffs and children's toys at our meetings and events. We will coordinate a simultaneous drop-off with our Triumphs to share the spirit of helping.

Toys collected go to children who otherwise would otherwise not have any Christmas. Donations of money go to purchase food items that are not collected. 9 News also has this food drive in the spring and summer but only accept food items at these drives.



Please bring your donations to the general meetings or any club event. Each time you donate you will receive an extra raffle ticket Let's make this a fun and rewarding drive and get a little much deserved publicity for our club. The fall drive is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Becwar — Treasurer

7/31/03 Checkbook Balance: \$2,600.91 (Last year (7/31/02) \$3,451.49)

	July		Year to Date	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Income				
Expenditures				
Gain / (Loss)				

Major Monthly Income Items (July):

Major Monthly Expense Items (July):

At time of printing, I do not have updated Treasurer's report. Sorry for the inconvenience.

2003 PLANNED EVENTS

In order to encourage everybody to RSVP, beginning in April, the person who shows up at the most events without having RSVP'd will receive a special award which will be presented at the banquet in January.

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Tuesday, October 21st. RMTC Monthly Meeting. Piccolo's at 6 p.m.

The board has tried out several places as possible new meeting places, but hasn't come to any conclusions yet so we will be at Piccolo's for at least one more month. Meet for dinner and drinks at 6:00, meeting starts at 7:00PM. Piccolo's is located on Monaco Pkwy one block south and east of I-25 and Hampden. Come to nominate (or un-nominate) yourself for Board of Director positions.

Saturday, November 1st. Coors Brewery VIP Tour. Golden.

Yes, we have done this several times before, but we always get a good turnout. If you haven't taken the VIP tour before, you should give it a try. The tour will probably be led by the RMTC's Judy Becwar. You will definitely need to RSVP for this one because they may need to provide extra tour guides and break us into smaller groups if a lot of you sign up. The VIP tour will take you into places in the brewery that the regular tourist tour doesn't go. Of course, the tour ends up in the tasting room where you can sample Coors products. There is also a lot of cool beer stuff for sale in the adjoining gift shop.

We will meet for breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant at 14265 W. Colfax in Golden at 8:30AM, and drive to the brewery as a group, arriving in time for the 11:00AM tour. RSVP to Dave at 303 438-5615.
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Saturday, November 8th. Lucas Flamethrower Searchlight Rallye.

This event will be open to all British auto owners, although you will not be required to drive a British car. Here's how it works: we will all gather at Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E. Hampden) at 6pm. At exactly 6:30 pm, the "Lucas" searchlight will come on somewhere in the Denver area. After being on for a while, it will unexpectedly wink out (get it? Lucas?). It will turn on and off at irregular intervals throughout the evening. The object is to be the car arriving at the Lucas Searchlight with the least miles traveled. Don't worry, if you become hopelessly lost, you will be provided with the final location in a sealed envelope — however, opening this envelope will cause you to forfeit your chances of winning. Entry fee is \$10 per participating vehicle, with no limit on the number of passengers per vehicle.

Plan on having either a late dinner and/or drinks around 8 to 8:30 pm. Our destination will provide separate checks for your choice of refreshment. Also, we will have dash plaques for all, and awards for the "winners".

Monday, November 10th. RMTC Board Meeting. Red Lobster at I-70 & Wadsworth.

Located on Wadsworth about ½ mile south of I-70 in Arvada. Meet at 6:00PM for dinner and beers. Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 PM, or thereabouts.

Tuesday, November 18th. RMTC Monthly Meeting. Piccolo's at 6 p.m.

The board has tried out several places as possible new meeting places, but hasn't come to any conclusions yet so we will be at Piccolo's for at least one more month. Meet for dinner and drinks at 6:00, meeting starts at 7:00PM. Piccolo's is located on Monaco Pkwy one block south and east of I-25 and Hampden. Come to vote for your 2004 RMTC Club Officers.

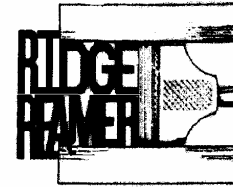
October or November. Indoor Go Cart Challenge Race. Denver.

Some of us tried our hands at the indoor go cart track located near I-70 and Colorado a couple of years ago and had a blast. Bob Gloyd thought it would be fun to do this again, only this time we will challenge the members of the MGCC in what we hope might become an annual event. For those of you who haven't been to this facility, the cars are FAST and this is wheel to wheel racing where you can toss the cars around turns in four wheel drifts. To make things more interesting, we might race as teams and make pit stops to switch drivers. Details in the near future. We officially "threw down the gauntlet" following the Rallye Glenwood Springs awards presentation.

In order to pull this off, we need to put together 2 teams from each club (4 persons per team). Cost will be \$60 per person which is a little pricey, but we will have the entire facility to ourselves. Neil McCready vintage races an MGB but he says he will be racing for the RMTTC at this event. The MGCC will have their best drivers there so look for some interesting racing to happen. You will be guaranteed plenty of track time for your \$60. These cars are a handful to drive, so start lifting weights now to prepare yourself.

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Max Brewster — Minister of Membership

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September Total Reported Membership = 163

This month's new members include:

Fritz and Jack Glojek	1964 TR4
Mark Seferian	1973 TR6
Michele Dodson	1970 Spitfire
Ron Lombardo	1957 TR3

Please take some time to say hello at upcoming events.

BOARD MINUTES

September 1, 2003 Board meeting at the Cheshire Cat.

Ken Kalin called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. In Attendance were Andy DeVisscher, Dave Fain, Bob Becwar, Brooks Turner, Ken and Vicki Kalin, and Dorothy High.

Brooks reported that Computer Cars is still intending to renew their add in the newsletter.

Dave went over the planned events for the next several months. They included: Breakfast and a tour of Harry Cor-

nelius' new home in Elizabeth, Conclave, Rio Grande Rendezvous, Breakfast ant the Reed's, Coors Brewery tour, and Flame Thrower Rally.

Andy reported the raffle sales numbers and said that the ribbons for Conclave had been ordered.

Bob presented a written financial report for August.

Max reported the membership numbers at 161. The board discussed that Conclave generates a large number of renewals and that we may see the membership go up

this month. Max told the board that he would start calling the lapsed members to try to get our membership up.

Dorothy initiated a brief discussion about the Christmas Party supplies and Bob Becwar said he had them and would see what he has left over from last year. Ken Kalin confirmed that the Banquet is going to be at Julian's. He also went over the logistics for Conclave.

The next Board meeting will be at

the Cheshire Cat on October 6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

MARKETPLACE

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

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331-8557

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FOR SALE: Red '59 TR3 with Black interior and A-type overdrive. Comes with original Hard Top (might need work and headliner). Also includes original tonneau (in bad shape) and original side curtains. This is not a showcar, but runs fine and starts up right away. \$10,000 obo. Call Rich at 303-730-3678.

FOR SALE: 1966 TR-4A-Excellent condition. Rebuilt engine, new Weber carbs and more. \$5,900 obo. Contact Jack Ferguson H(719) 495-2849 or W(719) 963-3510.

FOR SALE: One used roll bar out of my 71 TR6 for sale. I'm looking to sell it for \$75. Call Andrew Janiesch at 303-278-3273, or email him at Drews71TR6@aol.com.

FOR SALE: 1975 TR-6, Pimento Red with black/grey top and interior; excellent condition, less than 90k miles, \$8,500, 303-470-5281, David Briggs

FOR SALE: 1975 TR6 Blue with black interior, OD reads 2800 miles?, no over-

drive, top in fair condition, 2 toneau tops, red stripe Mich. tires, no rust, new hoses & water pump in trunk, asking \$5995.00 Call john @ day 303-888-4607 or night 303-791-8215

FOR SALE: 1960 MGA 1600; white with black interior, 5 wire wheels; new top and toneau cover; side curtains. 74000 miles, garaged since 1986. Photos available via Email. Contact Don Evert via email at donald evert [donaldevrt@hotmail.com]

FOR SALE: TR6 Transmission (\$50) and a TR6 Differential (\$75) Call Mike Cline at 303-683-7057

FOR SALE: 1976 BRG TR6 w/ hard-top. Extras include new windshield, rims and tires. Needs maintenance, and clutch slips. Car is in N.E. Colo. Asking \$7,000. Call Bekki Axtell at 970-520-4996, or at baxtell@kci.net.

FOR SALE: 1962 TR-3B, every part on this car with the exception of the chrome and painted body parts has been powder coated and that includes the head, block, and pan. All the chrome has been stripped and re-chromed. There were no expenses spared with the engine, every-

thing is new, right down to the head studs, it has been line bored for the crank as well as for the cam, completely balanced. The frame was sand blasted and powder coated as well, the entire O/D unit, transmission, and differential were rebuilt. The suspension, front and rear with all new stainless steel brake lines, differential, engine, transmission, radiator, steering assembly are mounted to the frame. I have the body mounted to the chassis, it needs some body work so I

bought another TR-3 with a perfect body ready for paint. I have more new parts and used parts than you can imagine. The bodies need to be switched after the one is painted and the interior assembled and away you go. There are enough extra parts left to build another TR-3A as well as having your TR-3B done. I have over \$20,000 invested and am asking \$10,000 or best offer and yes, I do have all the receipts. Contact Kevin St. James at 719-548-8761 or kanddstjames@adelphia.net .

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